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Note verbale dated 6 July 1993 from the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations and other international organizations at Vienna addressed to the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Vienna

The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations and other international organizations at Vienna presents its compliments to the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Vienna, and, referring to the Ninth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and the Treatment of Offenders, in 1995, has the honour to advise the following:

The Islamic Republic of Iran, during the first session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, in 1992, presented its offer to act as host for the Ninth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and the Treatment of Offenders, in 1995. This offer was reiterated during the second session of the Commission, in 1993, by its delegation.

During the second session of the Commission, two countries from Africa also announced their willingness to host the Congress. They stated that, so far, such congress had not been held in Africa, and emphasized that hosting such a congress in Africa was a very important issue, bearing in mind that preference should be given to the region that had not yet hosted a congress on crime.

Much emphasis has always been placed on Africa in the foreign policy of the Islamic Republic of Iran, and therefore priority should be given to this continent. Thus, regarding the latest development, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran withdraws its offer to host the Ninth Congress, in 1995, in favour of Africa, while announcing its willingness to host the Tenth Congress in Tehran in the year 2000.

The Mission requests the circulation of this note officially among the members of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, as well as among the members of the Economic and Social Council.